

SB165_L.002

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB13-165 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 8 through 10 and substitute:

2 "(2) It is therefore in the best interest of the state to direct the
3 department of higher education to contract for an independent needs
4 assessment to identify gaps in the two- and four-year degree programs
5 and adult basic education programs offered throughout the state and to
6 work with institutions of higher education to address those needs."

7 Strike page 4 and substitute:

8 **"23-1-132. Commission directive - statewide needs assessment**
9 **- community colleges - baccalaureate degree program approval.**

10 (1) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT FOR AN INDEPENDENT NEEDS
11 ASSESSMENT OF ACCESS TO TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS
12 AND ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE,
13 WHICH NEEDS ASSESSMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 1, 2013.
14 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY PROVIDE DATA TO THE
15 CONTRACTOR CONCERNING WORKFORCE AND STUDENT DEMAND FOR
16 SPECIFIC DEGREE PROGRAMS. IN CONDUCTING THE ASSESSMENT, AT A
17 MINIMUM, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IDENTIFY:

18 (I) CONSUMER DEMAND, BY PROGRAM AND GEOGRAPHIC
19 LOCATION, FOR TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ADULT
20 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND WHETHER THAT DEMAND IS BEING MET
21 THROUGH THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND

22 (II) ADDITIONAL TWO- AND FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND
23 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS NEEDED TO SUPPORT COLORADO
24 EMPLOYERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS.

25 (b) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE COMPLETED
26 ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO
27 THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR ANY
28 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-1-136 (9),
29 C.R.S.

30 (2) BASED UPON THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, THE COMMISSION SHALL
31 COLLABORATE WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO
32 DETERMINE HOW BEST TO ADDRESS ANY UNMET NEEDS IN TWO- AND
33 FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS
34 AND TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN
35 THE STATE. THE METHODS TO ADDRESS ANY UNMET NEED MAY INCLUDE,



1 BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, TRANSFER AGREEMENTS, PARTNERSHIPS
2 BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS, AND
3 APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL, CAREER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
4 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
5 SYSTEM.

6 (3) IF THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT INDICATES THAT ADDITIONAL
7 TECHNICAL, CAREER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BACCALAUREATE
8 DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED, THE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF
9 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO OFFER THOSE DEGREE
10 PROGRAMS INDEPENDENTLY OR THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
11 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM. IF A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION DOES NOT
12 CHOOSE TO OFFER THE TECHNICAL, CAREER AND WORKFORCE
13 DEVELOPMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, THEN THE STATE
14 BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION,
15 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "STATE BOARD", MAY SUBMIT A
16 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL
17 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (4) FOR THOSE TECHNICAL, CAREER AND WORKFORCE
19 DEVELOPMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT A FOUR-YEAR
20 INSTITUTION DOES NOT CHOOSE TO OFFER, THE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE
21 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED IN THE COMMUNITY
22 COLLEGE SYSTEM. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS, IN
23 DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE A TECHNICAL, CAREER AND
24 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, THE
25 COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER:

26 (a) THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE TECHNICAL, CAREER
27 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM AND
28 THE DATA DEMONSTRATING WORKFORCE AND STUDENT DEMAND FOR THE
29 DEGREE PROGRAM;

30 (b) THE REGIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION
31 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE, AND
32 COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE REQUIREMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE, AT BOTH THE
33 INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAM LEVELS; AND

34 (c) WHETHER THE STATE BOARD CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT
35 PROVIDING THE DEGREE PROGRAM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
36 SYSTEM IS COST-EFFECTIVE."

37 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 5.

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